

After growing up in a metropolitan area of Virginia I made the decision to leave the 'rat race' for a slower pace. I found that my decision resulted in a better overall quality of life for me. However, I found that the different genres of music I enjoyed in the city could not be found in the country. Our choices, thanks mostly to Clear Channel Communications, are top 40, 80's 'hair band' music, or country music. None of which I care for. To make matters even worse, Clear Channel has an extremely limited playlist. There were numerous occasions I heard the same song more than once during an hour commute! That's when I discovered XM Satellite Radio.

Although I doubt there would be much in the way of local programming in my area, satellite radio subscribers pay a monthly fee for this commercial free service and the idea that the National Association of Broadcasters is trying to determine what we possibly listen to on our paid service is appalling to me. Instead of trying to get the government to protect their 'domain' in local programming maybe the NAB should 'step up to the plate' and offer BETTER programming and coverage!

Change is not bad. Don't allow the NAB to limit our choices.

Please reject the NAB's petition 04-160.

Thank you.